

Military Mirrors America



- Recognize they are an integral part of society
- Military is part of us



Our Military Mirrors America



- The U.S. military
 - Makes the world better, safer
 - Our friends and neighbors
 - Provides service and sacrifice
 - Part of a great tradition



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- Today's military members are exceptional:
 - Managing missions
 - Making sacrifices
 - Demonstrating courage



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Minorities in Uniform*

	Black	Hispanic	Other	Total
Officer	8.3%	3.4%	4.7%	15.8%
Enlisted	22.3%	8.1%	6.1%	36.5%
Total	20.1%	7.3%	5.9%	33.3%

*as of Sep. 30, 98

Today's Troops



How old are military members?

Average age: 24.5 years old

Percentage of members by age bracket*:

- ♦ 18-25 years: 57%
- ♦ 26-35 years: 36%
- ♦ 36-45 years: 19%
- ♦ Over 45 years: 2%

**as of Sep. 30, 98*

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Women in Uniform*

Officers : 30,969

Enlisted : 165,518

Total: 196,487

Percentage of total force: 14 %

*as of Sep 30, 98



High Quality



- Nation's best and brightest
Military

Nation

High School diploma 98%
87%

Masters Degree 6.6%
5.7%

- Military provides opportunities

- **Duty**

- **Integrity**

- **Ethics**

- **Honor**

